



## New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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| Subchapter: | 4    | Disclosure Of Information To The Media And Public About A Child Fatality Or Near Fatality  |           |
| Section     | 6    | <b>Information that shall be disclosed about a child fatality or near fatality that was the result of ... (N.J.A.C. 10:133G-4.6)</b> |           |

### **§10:133G-4.6 Information that shall be disclosed about a child fatality or near fatality that was the result of abuse or neglect**

(a) If a child protection investigation determines that the child fatality or near fatality was the result of a substantiated incident of abuse or neglect, unless prohibited by N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.10a or N.J.A.C. 10:133G-4.3 or withheld at the request of the county prosecutor, the Director or designee or a representative of the Department's Office of Public Information shall disclose the following information to the media or a member of the public, as relevant to the given incident or the child's condition, in addition to the information disclosed during the child protection investigation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:133G-4.4:

1. The child's current medical condition or the date and cause of the child's death;
2. The child's current living arrangement, with this information provided under the same limitation as imposed by N.J.A.C. 10:133G-4.4(a)3i, ii, and iii;
3. Details about the child protection investigation of the incident, including, but not limited to:
  - i. The type of abuse or neglect that was substantiated;
  - ii. Where the incident occurred; and
  - iii. The name of the perpetrator and his or her relationship to the child victim;
4. Whether the child protection investigation determined that another child was abused or neglected at the time of the incident. The name of that child shall not be disclosed unless that child was a child fatality or near fatality as well; and
5. The types of services provided by or through the Division, both prior and subsequent to the child fatality or near fatality, including service

referrals given on behalf of the child victim as well as the services or referrals given on behalf of the child victim's surviving family members, except as otherwise prohibited by law. No employee shall disclose the name of a service provider.

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